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The Honorable Sarah Huckabee Sanders
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The Honorable Bart Hester
President Pro Tempore
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Arkansas State Capitol
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The Honorable Matthew J. Shepherd
Speaker of the House
Arkansas House of Representatives
Arkansas State Capitol
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***RE: Support for Legislation, Letter 1
For the 94th General Assembly – Regular Session, 2023***

Dear Governor Sanders, President Hester, and Speaker Shepherd,

As Attorney General of Arkansas, I am charged with defending the laws passed by the General Assembly from legal challenge. However, I believe that an equally important responsibility of my office is to take an active role in shaping and supporting legislation that will have a positive impact on Arkansans. Therefore, I will routinely identify legislation that I support, including the following:

HJR1006 - A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO PROVIDE THAT LOTTERY PROCEEDS MAY BE USED TO FUND OR PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS TO ARKANSAS CITIZENS ENROLLED IN VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS AND TECHNICAL INSTITUTES.

HB1004 - TO AMEND THE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION ACT OF 1997 TO INCLUDE DISCLOSURE OF A SEX OFFENDER'S ADDRESS TO THE PUBLIC; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

HB1012 - TO AMEND THE STANDARD DEDUCTION FOR INCOME TAX PURPOSES; AND TO INCREASE THE STANDARD DEDUCTION.

HB1085 - AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY - STATE CRIME LABORATORY DEVELOPMENT AND ENHANCEMENT APPROPRIATION.

HB1097 - TO REDUCE THE TOP MARGINAL TAX RATE FOR INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYERS.

HB1145 - TO CREATE LUPUS AWARENESS DAY.

HB1307 - CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL JUSTICE, OR GOVERNANCE SCORES; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF STATE TO DIVEST CERTAIN INVESTMENTS OR OBLIGATIONS DUE TO CERTAIN FACTORS.

HB1320 - TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING INITIATIVE PETITIONS AND REFERENDUM PETITIONS; AND TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO REVIEW AN INITIATIVE PETITION OR REFERENDUM PETITION BEFORE CIRCULATION.

HB1456 - CREATING THE FENTANYL ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023; CONCERNING FENTANYL AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO ESTABLISH INCREASED PENALTIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

HB1459 - TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND RELATED OFFENSES; AND TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING FINES FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING.

HB1470 - TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING CONDITIONS FOR CRIME VICTIMS REPARATIONS FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND CHILD SEX VICTIMS.

SB43 - TO ADD CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS TO AN ADULT-ORIENTED PERFORMANCE; AND TO DEFINE AN ADULT-ORIENTED PERFORMANCE.

SB199 - CONCERNING MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AND GENDER TRANSITION IN MINORS; AND TO CREATE THE PROTECTING MINORS FROM MEDICAL MALPRACTICE ACT OF 2023.

SB204 - TO AMEND THE JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE ACT; TO REMOVE THE AGE LIMITATION FOR A VULNERABLE VICTIM TO BRING A CIVIL ACTION; AND TO AMEND THE COMMENCEMENT DATE FOR A CIVIL ACTION.

SB283 - CREATING THE FENTANYL ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023; CONCERNING FENTANYL AND OTHER CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES; TO ESTABLISH INCREASED PENALTIES; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

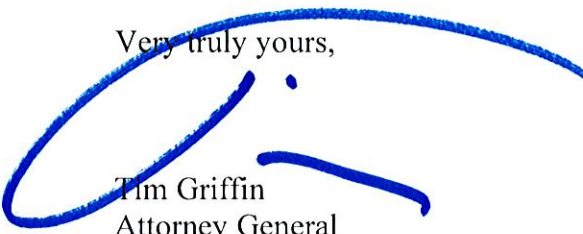
SB294 - TO CREATE THE LEARNS ACT; TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF THE ARKANSAS CODE AS THEY RELATE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD THROUGH GRADE TWELVE (12) EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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Please let me know if you have any comments, questions or concerns. With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a smaller, more defined stroke.

Tim Griffin
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